

Dear Authorized Representative/Food Service Director:

Please review the attachments and the information below and take the necessary action. The attached documents that are identified as SP XX-2012 are USDA memos that provide an update on regulations and must be reviewed to ensure you are operating according to regulations. This information is emailed to the Authorized Representative and Food Service Director for your School Food Authority (SFA). The Bureau of Nutrition and Health Services new facsimile number is 515-242-5988.

Sincerely,
Patti Harding, Administrative Consultant
Iowa Department of Education
Bureau of Nutrition and Health Services

6 Cent Lunch Certification Webinar – September 10, 2012 -Register Now

The Webinar on Certification for the additional 6 cents reimbursement will be Monday, September 10, 2012 from 1 to 3:30. Be the first on your block to register! Go to www.educateiowa.gov, click on the Calendar tab, go to September 10, and click on 'Webinar: 6-cent Lunch Certification' and register. If you plan to attend one of the small, hands-on regional trainings that will be offered in September and October, viewing the webinar is a must-see, so if you cannot view it live, be sure to view it as soon as it is posted. (You *know* live is better.) There are also webcasts on the USDA website at http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/healthierschoolday/6cents_tools.htm, scroll to the bottom of the page. Visit the Bureau's web page dedicated to Certification at http://educateiowa.gov/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2671%3Acertification-for-06&catid=59%3Anutrition-programs&Itemid=4678.

Walking Works for Schools Webinar - September 11, 2012

This webinar will be held on Tuesday, September 11th from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Learn how to implement a walking program for your school that will energize the entire school community.

To register, go to

http://educateiowa.gov/index.php?option=com_eventbooking&task=view_event&event_id=1307&Itemid=2706.

FY13 Verification Training Webinar – September 20, 2012

Verification is the confirmation of eligibility for free and reduced price meals under the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. The verification process confirms the integrity of the school meals programs. It is not designed to confirm the eligibility of every applicant and participant. This webinar will cover all aspects of the verification process from selecting a sample, sending letters, meeting deadlines, and recording results on CNP 2000. Who should register: Everyone assigned to complete the Verification process in your organization. Please register using the following link:

http://educateiowa.gov/index.php?option=com_eventbooking&task=view_event&event_id=594&Itemid=2706 Registration cut-off date is Sept. 19, 2012. Contact Diana Weber at Diana.weber@iowa.gov or 515-281-5663 or Jaci Yetmar at Jaclyn.yetmar@iowa.gov or 515-681-2302 for more information. Here is the link for the webinar:

URL: <http://iowa.adobeconnect.com/verificationtraining/> . Anyone who has the URL for the meeting can enter the room. Enter as a guest. Event date: September 20, 2012, 1-4pm

SP 41-2012 REVISED - Waiver of Congregate Feeding Requirement for Outdoor Feeding Sites Experiencing Extreme Heat

This memorandum establishes a waiver of the **Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)** and Seamless Summer Option (SSO) congregate feeding requirement for approved outdoor sites without temperature controlled alternative sites on days when the area is experiencing severe temperatures. This waiver is retroactive to May 1, 2012, and will remain in effect through September 30, 2012.

SP 42-2012 - Application and Other Household Materials for Limited English Proficient Households

This memorandum acts as a reminder to State agencies and Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) of their responsibilities to Limited English Proficient (LEP) households in the upcoming 2012-2013 school year. It reflects the guidance issued by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) in December of 2011, which may be referenced under SP 06 – 2012, “Applications and Other Household Materials for Limited English Proficient Households.” LEAs and State agencies are responsible for ensuring that their applications and other household materials (letter, application, instructions, notices, and verification materials) are available in a language the LEP household can understand. Information is provided to assist LEAs to determine the appropriate means of communication with LEP households.

SUPER POWER SUMMIT – October 3, 2012 -Iowa Partners: Action for Healthy Kids announces details about their 5th annual!!!

The Super Power Summit is a youth wellness initiative that empowers teams of middle school students to live an active lifestyle and to choose healthy food options, all while being advocates for school wellness. This fall, the Super Power Summit goes to the Capitol! We encourage middle schools to bring a team of students for an interactive day full of fun activities, empowering presentations, networking, and the opportunity to walk with the Lt. Governor around the Capitol as part of the Healthiest State Walk!

<http://www.iowahealthieststate.com/healthiest-state-walk>. **Please see the attached flyer**. This year the summit will be limited to 50 teams (one adult advisor and 3 middle school students per team). Middle schools students that are chosen to attend should have an interest in health and wellness and demonstrate leadership skills. Students will be charged with leading wellness efforts with their peers when they return to their schools. One only team will be allowed to attend per school building. School teams are expected to stay the entire day at the summit. **REGISTRATION will open on Wednesday, August 29th at 3:30pm and will close on Wednesday, September 5th** or when the capacity of 50 teams is reached. Direct question to Carrie Scheidel at Carrie.Scheidel@iowa.gov. Register at http://educateiowa.gov/index.php?option=com_eventbooking&task=view_event&event_id=1308&Itemid=2706. Please have the following REQUIRED information (Adult Name, Adult Contact Information, Adult T-shirt size, Name of 3 students and their T-shirt sizes) ready before registering.

The School Day Just Got Healthier!



As America's children head back to school this Fall, they'll find that The School Day Just Got Healthier! Visit the web at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/healthierschoolday/default.htm> and explore The School Day Just Got Healthier Toolkit—a collection of USDA resources to help inform your school community about the new changes to school meals.

And don't forget about the Iowa developed communication tools **to get the word out** about the new meal pattern, found at www.tinyurl.com/schoolnutritionstandards2012! These tools can help make the changes easier for students, staff and parents to understand and support.

- Four new videos to assist in communicating changes in the school meal program – elementary, middle school, high school, and adult. These are great to show at school board meetings, staff meetings/in-services, and in every classroom or in the cafeteria!
- Sample parent letter and sample school staff letter about the changes – use in email, newsletter, insert in handbook, in staff mailboxes, distribute at in-services, or at fall orientation.
- Sample webpage template for you to update your nutrition program webpage!
- Build a healthy lunch lesson plan – provide to teachers to educate students about the changes in school lunch
- A series of webcasts – resource for staff in-service on the new meal pattern

Join Team Nutrition!

It is **FREE** – Go to

http://healthymeals.nal.usda.gov/hsmrs/TN_Enrollment_Form/enrollment.php to sign up! Please forward the confirmation email onto Carrie at carrie.scheidel@iowa.gov to update the Iowa list. You will receive a large Team Nutrition banner for your cafeteria, monthly Iowa Team Nutrition e-newsletters containing new resources, upcoming workshops and Iowa school highlights. Team Nutrition schools are also eligible to apply for mini-grant opportunities that are available throughout the school year. Go to <http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/> to order **free** resources from the resource library.

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